PRESS RELEASE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Farid M. Abdul-Noor, M.D., a 51 year-old Iowa-licensed physician from Lumberton, New Jersey, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with Iowa Board. On March 8, 2004, Dr. Abdul-Noor pleaded guilty to criminal sexual contact with a patient in Essex County, New Jersey. On June 15, 2004, Dr. Abdul-Noor voluntarily surrendered his New Jersey medical license. On August 24, 2004, Dr. Abdul-Noor voluntarily surrendered his New York medical license. On November 9, 2005, the Ohio Medical Board permanently revoked Dr. Abdul-Noor's Ohio medical license. Under the terms of the November 8, 2007, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Abdul-Noor with violating the laws governing the practice of medicine, being disciplined by another state licensing Board and engaging in unprofessional conduct. Dr. Abdul-Noor voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve this matter.

Daniel K. Anderson, M.D., a 45 year-old physician who formerly practiced internal medicine in Grinnell, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On May 15, 2006, Dr. Anderson self-reported to the IPHP. On July 19, 2006, Dr. Anderson entered into an Initial Agreement with the IPHP and he agreed to comply with the recommendations of the IPHP, including appropriate assessment, counseling and monitoring for mental health and substance abuse. On November 28, 2006, the IPHP asked Dr. Anderson to enter into a Physician Health Contract for continued mental health and substance abuse monitoring. Dr. Anderson declined to enter into the IPHP Physician Health Contract and he has not complied with the IPHP recommendations. On September 13, 2007, the Board charged Dr. Anderson with violating an Initial Agreement that he entered into with the Board's Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) and with suffering from a mental condition which impairs his ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. On November 8, 2007, Dr. Anderson entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Anderson was placed on probation for a period of five years subject to certain terms and conditions due to mental health and substance abuse concerns. He was also issued a public reprimand and ordered to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty for violating his IPHP health agreement.

Harold Bafitis, D.O., a 54 year-old Iowa-licensed plastic surgeon from Wellington, Florida, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board. On December 15, 2005, the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine charged Dr. Bafitis with inappropriately using a Botox substitute that was not approved by the Food and Drug Administration for human use. The Florida Board placed Dr. Bafitis on probation for a year and ordered him to pay a \$18,500 fine. Under the terms of the November 8, 2007, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Bafitis with being disciplined by another state licensing board and engaging in unprofessional conduct. The Iowa Board issued Dr. Bafitis a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty to resolve this matter.

Ayman A. Ghoniem, M.D., a 47 year-old Iowa-licensed radiologist from Terre Haute, Indiana, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Iowa Board. On November 8, 2007, the Board charged Dr. Ghoniem with failing to submit the required reports of continuing medical education (CME) in violation of Iowa law. On February 8, 2006, the Board received information which indicated that Dr. Ghoniem paid a \$1,000 fine for failing to complete the required CME for Florida licensure. On three separate occasions, August 18, 2006, September 20, 2006, and December 13, 2006, the Iowa Board requested that Dr. Ghoniem submit proof of completion of 40 credit-hours of Category I CME between August 1, 2004, and August 1, 2006, required for renewal of his Iowa medical license. The Iowa Board did not receive a response. To date, Dr. Ghoniem has failed to provide proof of completion of the required CME for renewal of his Iowa medical license in violation of Iowa law. A hearing is scheduled in this matter on January 30, 2008.

David K. Jones, M.D., a 41 year-old physician who practices internal medicine in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On April 29, 2005, Dr. Jones entered into a Physician Health Contract with the IPHP and he agreed to fully comply with the recommendations of the IPHP, including appropriate assessment, treatment and monitoring for mental health and substance abuse. The Board concluded that Dr. Jones violated the terms of his Physician Health Contract and he has not complied with the IPHP recommendations. On September 13, 2007, the Board charged Dr. Jones with violating a Physician Health Contract that he entered into with the Board's Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP), with engaging in substance abuse and with suffering from a mental condition which impairs his ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. On November 8, 2007, Dr. Anderson entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Jones was placed on probation for a period of five years subject to certain terms and conditions due to mental health and substance abuse concerns. He was also issued a public reprimand and ordered to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty for violating his IPHP health contract.

Glenn C. Krug, D.O., a 58 year-old physician practicing obstetrics and gynecology in Davenport, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. On February 10, 2005, the Board charged Dr. Krug for violating a Board Order when he failed to complete a comprehensive physical, neuropsychological and substance abuse evaluation as directed by the Board. On June 2, 2005, Dr. Krug entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve the pending disciplinary charges. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Krug was issued a Citation and Warning for inappropriately prescribing controlled substances to members of his immediate family and for failing to maintain appropriate records for controlled substances maintained in his office. Dr. Krug was prohibited from maintaining controlled substances in his medical office, ordered to complete a medical record keeping course and ordered to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty. Dr. Krug was prohibited from consuming alcohol and his use of controlled substances and prescription medications was restricted. He was also required to fully comply with the Board's drug screening program. He was also required to participate in individual counseling and marital counseling and ensure that his counselors submit quarterly reports to the Board describing his progress. Under the terms of the November 8, 2007, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board charged Dr. Krug with violating his Board Order when failed to fully comply with the Board's drug screening program and counseling requirements, and with engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. Dr. Krug was placed on probation for a period of five years subject to numerous terms and conditions including substance abuse monitoring and counseling. He was also issued a public reprimand and ordered to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty for violating his Board Order.

Mumtaz Malik, M.D., a 60 year-old orthopedic surgeon from Elizabethtown, Kentucky, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On February 9, 1992, the Kentucky Medical Board placed Dr. Malik on probation for a period of five years due to concerns about his medical practice. Dr. Malik appealed and the Order of Probation was subsequently vacated. On March 23, 1998, Dr. Malik's hospital privileges were revoked due to concerns about his medical practice. On April 14, 1999, the Kentucky Board placed Dr. Malik on probation for a period of five years due to concerns about his medical practice. On March 17, 2003, the Kentucky Board placed Dr. Malik on a new probation for a period of five years. On February 21, 2005, the Kentucky Board immediately suspended Dr. Malik's Kentucky medical license due to concerns about his ability to practice medicine in a safe manner. On July 18, 2005, Dr. Malik surrendered his Kentucky medical license to resolve the pending disciplinary matter. On March 29, 2007, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Malik with being disciplined by the medical licensing authority of another state. Under the terms of the November 8, 2007, Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Malik's Iowa medical license.

Angel S. Martin, M.D., a 59 year-old Iowa-licensed surgeon practicing in Newton, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Iowa Board. On November 8, 2007, the Board charged Dr. Martin with professional incompetency and engaging in practice harmful and detrimental to the public. The charges allege that Dr. Martin failed to demonstrate necessary surgical skill and judgment, failed to maintain proper medical records and failed to provide appropriate pre, and post -operative care to patients. A hearing is scheduled in this matter on January 7, 2008.

Dennis P. McGowan, M.D., a 51 year-old Iowa-licensed orthopedic surgeon from Kearney, Nebraska, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board. On October 12, 2006, the Nebraska Medical Board charged Dr. McGowan with inappropriately refusing to provide ongoing medical treatment to patients until they paid for previous treatment. Dr. McGowan was required to pay a \$15,000 civil penalty and complete an ethics course. Under the terms of the November 8, 2007, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board charged Dr. McGowan with being disciplined by another state licensing Board. The Iowa Board issued Dr. McGowan a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty to resolve this matter.

Robert F. Tobin, M.D., a 65 year-old ophthalmologist who practices in West Des Moines, Iowa, had disciplinary charges filed against him by the Iowa Board. On December 16, 2004, the Board charged Dr. Tobin with professional incompetency and engaging in practice harmful and detrimental to the public. The Board alleged that Dr. Tobin failed to perform and/or document appropriate patient preoperative examinations and failed to obtain and/or document appropriate patient informed consent prior to surgery. He failed to maintain appropriate patient operative reports and he failed to inform a patient of a serious complication. On November 15, 2005, Dr. Tobin entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve the pending disciplinary charges. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Tobin was required to fully comply with the standard of care in the practice of Ophthalmology. On November 8, 2007, the Board charged Dr. Tobin with violating his Board Order, and engaging in professional incompetency and practice harmful or detrimental to the public in his ophthalmologic surgical practice. The charges allege that Dr. Tobin failed to perform appropriate pre, and post-operative examinations, failed to properly inform a patient about a serious complication, failed to provide proper care in the treatment of glaucoma patients and failed to maintain appropriate medical records. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for January 7, 2008.